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## MY POINT OF VIEW



Good afternoon all. A warm welcome to Peter Morris and his Peterborough United side. The 'Posh' are going well this season, and today will be a very difficult game for us. How-

ever, to get where we want to go, and that is the Third Division, this is the type of game we have to win.

### Doncaster

And so, after our inept display at Rochdale, I can only say that our side's display against Doncaster gave me a lot of hope for the future. I don't normally single out performances, but coupled with the great displays of our two youngsters, Mike Quinn and Dave McMullan, I feel I must say a word about the sheer work-rate and enthusiasm of George Urquhart and Bobby Hutchinson. Indeed, there wasn't a bad performance all the way through the side from Bob Ward to substitute Frank Corrigan.

In paying tribute to the players, I must also pay a big compliment to the 3,600 spectators who turned out on such an atrocious evening. I hope they feel rewarded and let's hope we can do it again today.

### Soccer Skills

I have just recently received all the literature regarding the F.A. Soccer Skills Award. This is indeed one of the other commitments we will take on when our all-weather pitch and accommodation is completed. So, all you youngsters who feel you can get the awards, keep looking for a press announcement giving the starting date.

*Ian McNeill*

**Ian McNeill**

**Front Page Picture — Peter Houghton flies high in last year's game against Peterborough United at Springfield Park. Photograph by courtesy of The Evening Post and Chronicle.**

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## GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

FROM THE early days of the club we now move into the post-second World War era, to tell of a very successful team.

Although Latics had stayed in the Cheshire County League during the war years, they had the misfortune to finish bottom of the league in the first season activities were resumed, and, much to the surprise of the non-league football world, the club which had brought such credit on itself, and the Cheshire County League in the 1930's, was voted out of membership. Without a league to play in,

Latics joined the Lancashire Combination and that team is still remembered with affection by those lucky enough to have watched it perform. The full strength team was: Woolley, Ball, Parkinson, Shirley, Howcroft, Finch, Brown, Taylor, Barker, North and Miller. These were all household names to the older supporters and in the next few matches, I plan to feature some of those players in my notes. Goalkeeper Harold Woolley was rated as one of the best 'keepers Latics ever had and he it was who performed heroically between the sticks when Latics won the Combination in their first season. They got off to a pretty poor start though, as did Woolley. He let in five goals as Latics lost their first match in the Combination 1-5 at home to Fleetwood.

However, the team picked themselves up and Woolley, a local pitman who lived near Springfield Park in Woodhouse Lane, became a great favourite with the crowd. He took defeat very badly. On one occasion Latics lost a cup tie at Marine later in the season. The second goal scored by Marine really killed Latics off but it was scored after a misunderstanding between Woolley and captain Jimmy Shirley. By all accounts, Shirley had told his goalkeeper to leave a cross because he would head it away. Woolley did just that, but so did Shirley, with the result that the ball flew into the net. After the game Woolley was seen by a Latics fan squatting on his haunches on his doorstep, and when the fan asked him what was wrong, the conversation went a little like this: "I should have caught that ball, shouldn't I?" inquired the lamenting 'keeper. "Never mind," said the supporter, "It couldn't be helped."

"Couldn't be helped" snapped Woolley, "If Shirley had left me to it I could have taken the ----- lace out of the thing, never mind caught it."

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**by Fred Eyre**

IN VIEW of the fact that we only play mid-week now that we are members of the Umbro Floodlit League, it was nice, last Saturday, to return to Saturday afternoon football if only for one week.

A gap in the fixtures of Altrincham Reserves enabled me to arrange a friendly away at Moss Lane. The sun was shining and the neatly kept ground of our non-league neighbours was in good condition, and it was

an ideal day for football. We fielded a mixed side with experienced players like Dave Fretwell, Maurice Whittle and Tony Quinn on show together with players like Kenny Freeman and Stuart Ralph, who have been on the fringe of the team this season being given an opportunity to show their paces.

It was a fairly even game and we felt confident of victory after Jim Oliver had headed in Maurice Whittle's pinpoint cross. However, Altrincham snatched a draw with the last kick of the game to end the afternoon with honours even.

George McAllister had a fine game in the centre of defence, and Alan Harrison handled well in goal then set us flowing forward from the back, with some decisive distribution.

**Team:-** 1. Alan Harrison, 2. Jeff Ainsworth, 3. Kenny Freeman, 4. Brian Cunliffe, 5. George McAllister, 6. Dave Fretwell, 7. Steve Silcock, 8. Stuart Ralph, 9. Jim Oliver, 10. Tony Quinn, 11. Maurice Whittle.

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FURTHER to my previous notes about the special activities to finance the Springfield Park Community Sports Facility, I am now able to supply further details of a "Supporters' Night Out" which will be organised by the Commercial Department on Wednesday, 19th November, 1980, in our own Supporters' Club at Springfield Park. Although plans for the evening are not quite finalised, we look forward to providing two quality artists, one a comedian and the other a singer, to help the evening go with a swing, a disco for the dancing enthusiasts, a game or two of bingo and the odd little bit of fund-raising fun, not to mention a good buffet supper, and all at the price of £2.50 per ticket.

You don't need to be a Supporters' Club member, to take advantage of this opportunity, so why not give yourself and your good lady a night out to remember. Because of licensing and safety requirements, only 200 tickets will be available, and these should be on sale from our Commercial Department from Monday, 20th October, 1980. To avoid disappointment, obtain your ticket early.

We are also organising a "Christmas Cracker Draw 1980" under the Lotteries' Registration held by the Wigan Athletic Development Association, and Carol, Christine and Deirdre are currently calling on local business people seeking donated prizes. The early response has been most encouraging and we are sure that, with over 100 prizes

offered, at an estimated value in excess of £500, including such seasonal items as turkeys, chickens, wines, spirits, chocolates and fancy goods, our "CHRISTMAS CRACKER DRAW 1980" will be a resounding success. When the tickets are received from the printer, we will be looking to our supporters to give a hand in selling the tickets in return for a generous commission of 20%. So stand by for further announcements.

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**Jack Sudworth,**  
(Commercial Manager)





Springfield Park, Wigan. 10th October, 1980.

Dear Readers,

I have received several letters from supporters during the past two or three days, but, unfortunately, only the letter from Mr. McKenzie can be printed, in accordance with the guide lines laid down as to what can and what cannot be reproduced.

I must add that, although it is gratifying to receive letters which are complimentary, we are not as a matter of policy looking to repeatedly sing the praises of our own activities. However, the contact from the South of England is appreciated, and, should Bruce wish to visit us at a future date, I can promise him a warm welcome.

All best wishes,

**Jack Sudworth**, Commercial Manager.

6th October, 1980.

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Dear Sirs,

As an avid programme collector, for more years than I care to remember, and thanks to a friend in the Reed Corrugated Case factory at Wigan, I have been fortunate in obtaining virtually every home programme since Wigan's admission into the Football League, plus several of the away programmes.

Having now seen a fair cross-section of this season's programmes throughout the four divisions, there is no doubt in my mind, that for informative and interesting reading, Wigan's programme is much superior to several which include magazine style insertions, such as "On Target" and "Programme Plus", etc.

I do hope you have no plans to change the format and, as long as my friend kindly continues to think of me, I'll continue to enjoy reading about Wigan's exploits.

Yours sincerely,

**Bruce McKenzie.**

(P.S. If any supporter has a pre-war Wigan programme that they would be prepared to exchange for a pre-war Brentford programme, I would be delighted to hear from them.

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in action against Peterborough  
United last season.



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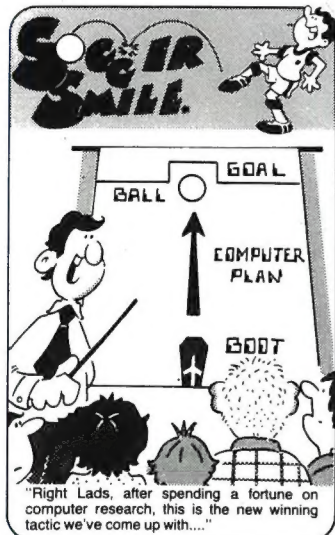
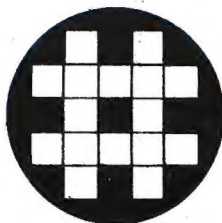


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## ON THE BALL No. 9

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

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Nickname of  
Mansfield; Southend's site is --- Hall.



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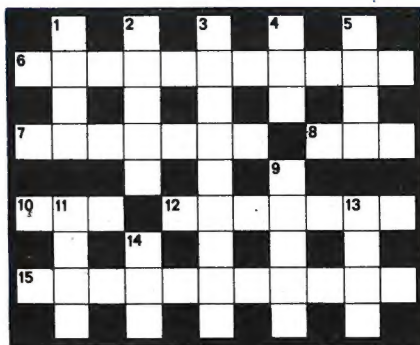
## CLUB CLUE No. 9

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

**A team built around John, Robert or Stanley?**

## MIXED DOUBLES No. 9

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **SHOP** and **VOWELS** to find two club nicknames.



## SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 9 (compiled by David Peck)

### ACROSS

6. Occasional FA Cup Final ground (3, 8)
7. Defender who joined Aldershot last season after having done the ton of appearances for both Southampton and Reading (7)
8. Change colour for Coventry (3)
- 10 & 12. England man who moved to 6ac at the start of last season (3, 7)
15. Doing this to the ball is a possible way of taking an opponent by surprise (11)

### DOWN

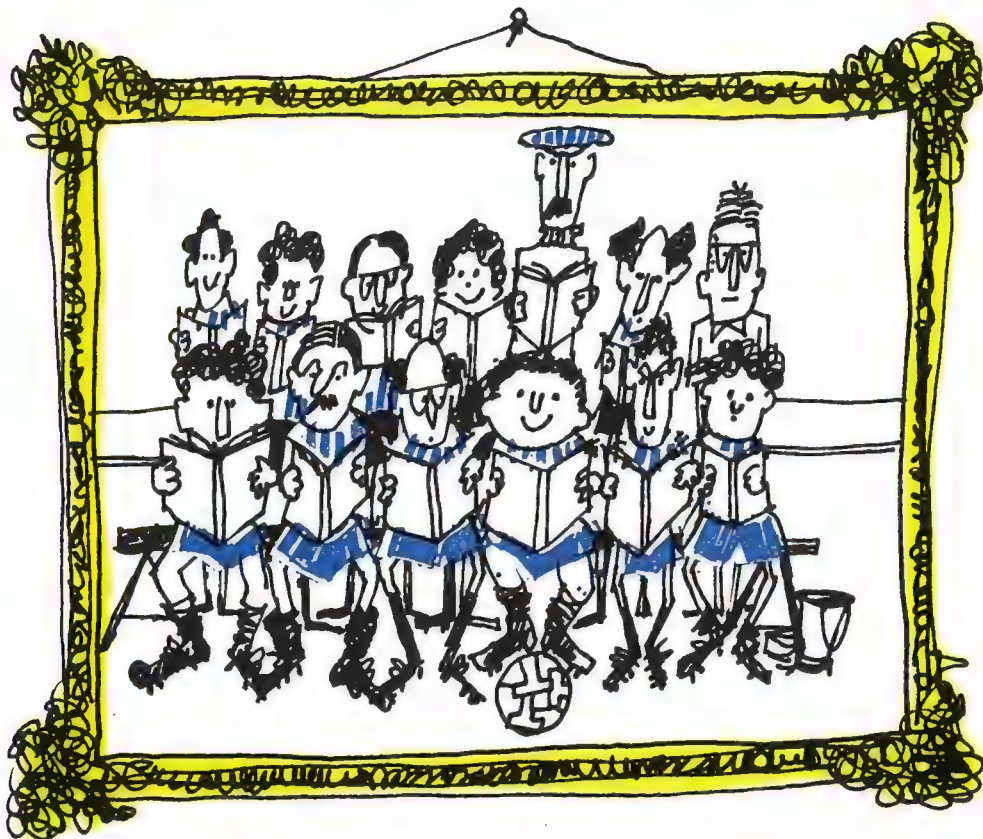
1. See 14dn
2. Chicago ----- (5)
3. Billy Wright did it to England — ninety times! (9)
4. Send --- (3)
5. Despite its name this kind of kick could be costly (4)
9. Dixie Dean became famous for his heading despite having fractured this early in his career (5)
11. Hansen or Harding (4)
13. Ted MacDougall's tally when Bournemouth murdered Margate in the FA Cup in 1971 (4)
- 14 & 1dn. What's worn when 8ac isn't (3, 4)

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Answers on Page 22.







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PETERBOROUGH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB — 1980-1981 (Left to Right) **Back Row:** Jackie Gallagher, Dave Syrett, Stephen Collins, Trevor Slack, Ian Phillips, Tony Cliss, Pat Sharkey. **Middle Row:** John Winters, Tony Smith, Dave McVay, Keith Waugh, Phil Chard, Ricky Heppollette, Colin Foster, Alan Guy. **Front Row:** Mick Lambert, Micky Gynn, Trevor Quow, Peter Morris (Manager), Robbie Cooke, Billy Kellock, Tommy Robson.

TODAY we welcome to Springfield Park for the third time the Peterborough United Football Club. Without doubt our visitors, though young in Football League years, possess a pedigree and name of the highest degree. It is a pleasure to visit their well-appointed ground, which has been graced by the presence of such talented managers as Jimmy Hagan, Jack Fairbrother, Noel Cantwell and John Barnwell and has witnessed the prolific goalscoring exploits of Terry Bly and Jim Hall.

Under Peter Morris, "The Posh" are again poised to make the trip from the Fourth Division to the Third Division of the Football League, and this year's Peterborough United side is performing equally as well on its travels as on its own ground. We can be sure that, today, our players will face a stern challenge from a club which has yet to register a win against Wigan Athletic. It is worth noting that all three previous encounters with "The Posh" have resulted in 2-1 victories for Wigan, and, in each game, a Latics player has scored from the penalty spot — Jim Fleming in the Second Round F.A. Cup tie played at Springfield Park on 20th

December, 1970, in front of 17,100 spectators, and Tommy Gore in last year's home and away league fixtures.

We look forward to a game of top quality football and extend to all our visitors from Peterborough United, whether director, manager, player or supporter, a warm welcome. We wish you a safe journey home tonight and look forward to our return visit to London Road later in the season.

## PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

### SEASON 1979-1980

26th Dec. 1979 Peterboro' Utd 1 Wigan Ath. 2  
H.T. Score 0-1 Att. 3,312  
Scorers: Peterboro' Utd: Quow  
Wigan Ath: Gore(pen), A. Quinn

### 5th Apr. 1980

Wigan Ath. 2 Peterboro' Utd 1  
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 6,094  
Scorers: Wigan Ath: Gore(pen),  
Methven  
Peterboro' Utd: Syrett

## PEN PICTURES

**TONY CLISS** — Str... old striker who was... team last season... appearances. He is... scored six league goals... and lives in Manea, N... **ROBERT COOKE** — from non-league club... end of the 1979/80... striker and scored 83...



at previous club Mar... he was a Youth Pla... Yorkshire lad who is... down to Peterborough... **COLIN FOSTER** — held a regular First... 1979/80 season... appearances. We si... from Mansfield Tow... over 200 appearance... spell with that club. In... that Player/Manager... up to the Second Di... born Foster is 28 year...

# PETERBOROUGH UNITED



**Ground: London Road Ground, Peterborough.**

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**1974-1979 Third Division, 1979-1980 Fourth Division**

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**1973-1974**



**JACKIE GALLAGHER — Striker —** Jackie is a Striker who was signed in the 1979/80 season from non-league Wisbech Town. A Wisbech lad who is 22 years old. Previous clubs Lincoln City and Wisbech Town.

**ALAN GUY — Striker —** A 23 year old Striker born in Jarrow signed by Peter Morris from Newcastle United in a deal which also involved team mate Tony Smith and made 33 appearances last season. He is married and has a baby daughter.

**MICHAEL GYNN — Midfield —** A Midfield player who likes to go forward. Micky is another of our young lads who has climbed up through the Youth ranks. He is 18 years old and lives in Whittlesey, Nr. Peterborough. Last season he made 26 league appearances and 8 reserve appearances. Now on full professional forms after being an apprentice.

**RICKY HEPPOLETTE — Midfield —** Ricky was signed from Chesterfield in the close season last year. His previous clubs were Preston North End, Orient and Crystal Palace. He was born in Bashwall, India and is 31 years old and single.

**BILLY KELLOCK — Striker —** A £25,000 signing from Kettering Town last close season. Billy was with Cardiff City and Norwich City before joining Kettering. He is our leading goalscorer having made 45 league appearances and scoring 24 goals. The Striker is 26 years old and still lives in the Kettering area.

**MICK LAMBERT — Striker —** Mick had spent 12 years with Ipswich Town before Peter Morris signed him up for the 'Posh' on a £40,000 transfer fee. He made over 200 senior appearances for Ipswich. He was born in Cambridge and is married with 2 children.

**DAVE McVAY — Defender —** Dave is a 6ft Defender who previously was with Notts County where he was a regular in their first team. He is 25 years old and was born in Workington. Last season he made 25 league appearances for Peterborough.

**IAN PHILLIPS — Defender —** Another ex-Mansfield player has re-joined Manager Peter Morris, who also signed Ian up during his time at Mansfield. Ian has made 39 league appearances for 'Posh' in a defending role. Ian was born in Edinburgh and is 21 years old.

**TREVOR QUOW — Midfield —** Trevor is 19 years old and another product of the Youth Policy. He made 28 league appearances for 'Posh' last season and scored 3 goals. Trevor travelled with the England Youth team when he was 17. He is a striker and was born in Peterborough.

**TOMMY ROBSON — Striker —** Tommy is our ever present player and longest serving. He was born in Gateshead and had been with Northampton Town, Chelsea and Newcastle United before joining 'Posh' in 1968 for a fee of £20,000. He has made 460 league appearances for Peterborough and has scored over 100 goals.

**PAT SHARKEY — Midfield —** Pat was born in Omagh in Northern Ireland and started off his career at Portadown before being signed by Ipswich Town. His previous clubs were also Mansfield Town and Colchester United. He is a Northern Ireland International and is 26 years old.

**ALAN SLOUGH — Defender —** Alan was signed 3 years ago from Fulham where he skipped the London side in the F.A. Cup Final. Before Fulham he was with Luton Town for 9 years. He made 22



(Photograph by courtesy of Universal Pictorial Press & Agency Ltd.)

league appearances for 'Posh' last season and was unlucky to miss the run in to the year through injury. He was born in Luton and is married with 2 boys.

**DAVE SYRETT — Striker —** Signed last season from Walsall Dave had previously been with Mansfield Town and Swindon Town where he made over 100 league appearances. Born in Salisbury he is married with 2 children and is 24 years old. Dave made 24 league appearances last year and scored 11 goals.

**KEITH WAUGH — Goalkeeper —** Our ever present first team keeper playing in all the first team matches last season. Keith was signed on a free transfer 4 seasons ago from Sunderland and altogether has made over 150 appearances for 'Posh'. He is 23 years old, born in Sunderland, and married.

**JOHN WINTERS — Defender —** Another local lad who was signed up on professional contracts. An ever present player in our reserve side last year. Born in Wisbech he is 19 years old.

Striker — Twenty year  
a regular in the first  
making 33 league  
a striker and has  
is. Tony is a local lad  
Nr. Peterborough.

Striker — Signed  
b Grantham at the  
season, Robert is a  
goals in 2 seasons, 3



(Photograph by courtesy of The Peterborough Standard)

Mansfield Town where  
ayer. A 23 year old  
married and moving  
in this close season.

Defender — Colin  
Team place in the  
making 46 league  
signed the Defender  
on where he made  
s during a 10 year  
in the Mansfield side  
Peter Morris took  
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# PLAYER

**Lawrence James Tierney,**  
(Midfield)

**Birthplace:** Edinburgh

**Place of Residence:** Springfield,  
Wigan

**Date of Birth:** 4th April, 1959

**Height:** 5'11"

**Weight:** 11st. 7lbs.

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yourself on and off the park,  
dedicate yourself to the club you  
are playing with, and always be  
prepared to listen to good advice.

After gaining considerable  
experience in Scottish League  
Football, Lawrence made his debut  
for Wigan Athletic in the League  
Cup games against Crewe  
Alexandra at the start of the  
season, but an unfortunate injury  
has delayed his participation in the  
league programme. Much is  
expected of this enthusiastic  
young player.



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THE STAFF and committee at the Supporters' Club join in wishing our members and friends from Peterborough a very good afternoon and welcome to Springfield Park.

We also wish to extend our congratulations and sincere best wishes for the future, to Miss Denise Bond and Mr. Michael Dugdill, two of our very popular young members, who were married at Ashton-in-Makerfield last Saturday, 4th October, 1980.

I regret that we still have a few outstanding items to be finalised, before we can offer details of our two "big nights" in the club during November, but I can assure you that Wednesday evening, November 19th and Thursday evening, November 27th, are both nights that will certainly justify your interest and your support.

Another "big" event which is due at any time now, is the Supporters' Club Annual General Meeting. This meeting will almost coincide with the second anniversary of the appointment of the General Committee, and we are sincerely hoping that we shall have a good attendance in the club, when it is possible to announce the date and agenda for the meeting. With reference to the committee, I feel that it is appropriate to mention that, whilst over the years, the format of the committee has changed, the dedication and purpose of the committee has remained unaltered. That is to endeavour to build a social club, which by

increased membership and by fostering various activities, can help stimulate interest that must surely reflect in the viability of the club, which in turn, means that the parent club must benefit. To maintain our programme, we do rely on your support.

To our members, our past committee members and also our present "team", my personal sincere thanks.

To maintain our first-class programme "on stage" this weekend, tonight we have John Byrnes and tomorrow (Sunday) yet another "top-liner", Tommy Rowe.

Hoping to see you.

Sincerely,  
**Peter Woods.**

**SUPPORTERS  
CLUB NEWS**





FEW PEOPLE could have envisaged such an early battle royale in Division Four, but with just over a quarter of the season played, the fact is that one win and the resultant two points, has been known to lift a club up to nine places.

Surprise packages at the top end of the table include Hartlepool United, who again have the benefit of the more than useful Bob Newton-Keith Houchen partnership up front. Then there is Crewe Alexandra, whose away form has been first class with recent wins at Stockport County and Bury, and only this week they conflicted a 5-0 thrashing on Hereford United at Gresty Road. The star of that show was former Manchester United star Peter Coyne, who hit four goals.

Elsewhere, it seems as though England Cricket captain Ian Botham has had second thoughts about his earlier decision not to play soccer this season. Having trained for only a couple of days with Scunthorpe United at the Old Show Ground, Botham was included by manager Ron Ashman in his reserve squad for the North Midlands League game with Bradford City at Valley Parade.

Halifax Town, who ended their goal famine with a mid-week three-goal blast against York City, have rescued the career of Bury striker Jimmy McIlwraith. McIlwraith had seriously considered giving up the game and was planning to take over a

public house when George Kirby stepped in and signed him up. Bury, struggling in the re-election zone, have swooped to sign Burnley midfielder player Joe Jakub for a giveaway £12,000. Jakub, who was in dispute with the Turf Moor club over a new contract, has yet to pull on his boots this season.

Meanwhile, the changes continue at Northampton, where trainer Bill Harvey has left the club in the wake of the return of Bill Dodgin as manager and the demotion of Clive Walker. Northampton Town, whose County ground doubles as a venue for Northamptonshire County Cricket Club, have heeded the advice of the Football Association in banning fans from standing on the cricket pitch side of the ground. Previously a sprinkling of fans were allowed to stand on specially-laid boards at the pavilion end of the ground.

On the injury front, Stockport County are taking a battering at the moment. Their most serious casualty appears to be Tony Coyle who was carried off in a recent game with Port Vale. He sustained serious bruising and will be out for some time.

**STOP PRESS:** Bolton's reserve goalkeeper Dave Felgate has signed for leaders Lincoln City in a £25,000 deal. He had been on loan to "The Imps," for the last month.



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# SCENE & HEARD

OUTSIDE the ever-present problems of balancing the books, winning trophies, combatting hooliganism, and pleasing the fans, clubs fear most a loss of status. That applies whatever the division in which a club operates. It is equally true that having enjoyed First Division status in the Football League, or having fought their way through to that level of competition, the "top" clubs are loathe to introduce any changes which might make it easier for them to be moved down the league ladder. Likewise, clubs in the Fourth Division fight tooth and nail to avoid the drop into non-league football, while ambitious non-league clubs are constantly frustrated by their inability to break down what they claim is "The Old Pals' Act". Faced with increasing costs and declining attendances, clubs must take some action to stimulate interest, satisfy ambition, yet still protect the "quality" status of individual members of the Football League.

Your writer would suggest that eight new members be introduced into the Football League, to give one hundred clubs participating in league competition. He would further propose that the leagues be organised to give a Premier League, a First Division North, a First Division South, a Second Division North and a Second Division South, each with twenty member clubs. The date for the implementation of the change could be fixed twelve months in advance. Four First Division clubs would need to be relegated to the First Divisions North and South, and be replaced by two clubs promoted from the existing Second Division, to give the new "Premier" league its initial membership of twenty clubs. For every other club at present in the Football League, there would be a sorting out process

leading to their achieving an immediate improvement in named status as regionalised First and Second Division clubs. Thereafter, a promotion and relegation structure could be adopted not only within the Football League, but also between the Football League and the Alliance Premier League. Fewer fixtures would aid the top clubs, the need to play fewer mid-week games would reduce the strain on the fans' pockets, by promoting "champions" only from each division and by consequently reducing the number of teams relegated or forced to apply for re-election in any one year, quality and stability would be more easily maintained. Regionalisation, covering eighty per cent of the membership, would produce more "derbies" and a consequent increase in revenue, not to mention the benefits it would bring to both club and fan in terms of reducing the cost of playing and supporting away from home.

There would be no relegation from the Fourth Division of the Football League at the time of reorganisation. The eight additional clubs would be drawn from the Alliance Premier League, with which organisation the Football League would need to frequently liaise in the period prior to reorganisation. Such a dramatic opportunity for improvement in status ought to satisfy even the most disillusioned of potential Football League hopefuls. Automatic promotion and relegation between the Football League and the Alliance Premier League would then follow in due course.

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**-v-**

**WIGAN ATHLETIC**

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## The Chairman's Column

WE ARE pleased to welcome Peterborough United Football Club to Springfield Park this afternoon. We look forward to an enjoyable game of football between two sides which on their day can produce exciting and stimulating entertainment.

I cannot let last week's headlines and my programme comments go by without analysing the subsequent feeling in the club. Prior to my comments regarding the players in Monday evening's "Post and Chronicle", Ian McNeill had, on the Monday morning, already said what he had to say and what he thought of the team's performance at Rochdale to his players behind locked doors. He left no stone unturned and got his message through in no uncertain manner. At this time, Ian McNeill was totally unaware of what was to follow in the local press. I feel very much for the punter who pays his cash, and, believe me, so does our manager. But Ian is slightly cautious and indeed sometimes suspicious of sensational headlines (and, do remember, he was at one time sacked from the Wigan job, and newspaper articles were indeed at the hub of the trouble).

Ian McNeill invited me into the dressing room before our match with Doncaster Rovers, just to reassure his players that, besides his being a players' manager, I am very much a players' chairman. I feel I said the right things, and, one way or another, between Ian and myself, we got exactly the right response from our players.

Our manager knows, and his players know, that I am one hundred per cent behind them. They also know what I expect from them, and that is total commitment to Wigan Athletic. They will have bad times, I know, but as long as they give the club, and you, our magnificent supporters, their unyielding effort at all times, then this week, in the long run, will have provided a worthwhile exercise.

I would like to make particular mention of young Mike Quinn's performance on Wednesday evening. His three goals were beautifully taken, and, if he can maintain the early promise which he is showing, I predict a great future for the lad. He has shown great character in overcoming a close-season weight problem, and we were absolutely delighted to present him with the match ball autographed by both teams, in recognition of his first hat-trick in a Football League game. Mike provided the finishing thrust to round off a magnificent fighting display by the whole Wigan team, to give everyone fresh heart for the future. It is obvious that we have plenty of good players with obvious ability at the club, and if their commitment is right, and they go out with their sleeves rolled up, as they did against the high-flying Doncaster side, there will be no future need for me to vent my feelings in public.

Enjoy today's game.  
Yours sincerely,

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**Bobby Hutchinson**

**Mike Quinn**

**Lawrence Tierney**

**Frank Corrigan**

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(All Yellow)

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**2 John Winters**

**3 Ian Phillips**

**4 Gordon Hodgson**

**5 Alan Slough**

**6 Colin Foster**

**7 Trevor Quow**

**8 Billy Kellock**

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Durham police force.  
Played football for a  
Northumberland County  
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Enjoys most sports,  
particularly swimming and  
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